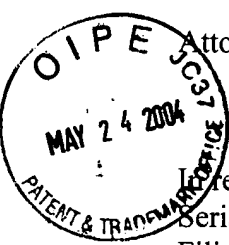


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sirs:

This Response replies to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2004.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 26-40 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting over claims 1-21 of USP 6,641,107. Therefore, the Applicant includes a Terminal Disclaimer containing a non-provisional disclaimer over USP 6,641,107.

The Applicant also includes a check in the amount of \$110 for the statutory disclaimer fee. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension is due but if Applicant is wrong, Applicant hereby

petitions, and requests that any and all applicable charges be charged to Deposit Account No.

232053. In addition, Applicant also makes this petition conditional in case Applicant

inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for a different extension of time, in which case

Applicant again requests that any and all applicable charges be charged to Deposit Account No.

232053. Applicant intends this authorization to be carried throughout the pendency of this application, in full accordance with 37 CFR 1.136.

The Applicant believes that the above remarks and terminal disclaimer place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 26-40.

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